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## Tour of Tucson helps familiarize families with area

By Amy Fredette  
355th Wing Public Affairs

The Davis-Monthan Officers' Spouses' Club and Enlisted Spouses' Association will host a Tour of Tucson, an informational fair and membership drive geared toward providing military husbands and wives with deployment support and a better understanding of what their community has to offer Thursday.

It's an event OSC president Deanna Phillips hopes will educate spouses about the resources available to them both on and off the base.

"I hope to be able to provide any spouse on this base with any information to make their stay more enjoyable," Mrs. Phillips said. "It will be a one-stop shop for everything."

Mrs. Phillips said about 40 organizations and businesses will be present, including the United Services Automobile Association, Long Realty, the American Red Cross, First Command Financial Planning and the National Military Family Association.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

### Dancing the night away ...

Kara Dee, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Mark Dee, 355th Medical Support Squadron, dances with a hoolahoop during a luau at D-M Saturday. The luau was the August event for the Underage Drinking Task Force. For more information on the luau, see **Pigging out at Underage Drinking Task Force luau**, Page 15.

## LITENING strikes Pilots currently train with pods to help increase precision

By Senior Airman  
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355th Wing Public Affairs

Sight is one thing many people can take for granted. But when a pilot is thousands of feet above the ground and miles away from a target, seeing a target is difficult.

And when a pilot must employ weapons in close proximity to friendly

forces, being able to distinguish the good guys from the bad guys is critical.

That is when the Air Force's latest targeting pod comes into play.

The LITENING AT, LITENING ER and LITENING AT/ISR have sensors that enable pilots to see their target with up to nine times magnification, said Capt. Roger Maldonado, 355th Fighter Squadron chief of weapons and tactics.

The pods have two different modes of sensors to help aid the pilot in seeing more clearly.

There's a "charged coupled device." It's like a newer type of digital recorder that has a TV-like camera called a CCD and there's a forward-looking infrared sensor, Captain Maldonado said. The FLIR mode is used for all infrared images and works outside the visible spectrum.

The CCD mode works in the day while the FLIR works best at night. The FLIR mode is designed for outside the visible sight spectrum.

The pods are used to look at a target, during either day or night, identify them (what types) and possibly identify if they are friendly or enemy targets, Captain Maldonado said.

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### The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base timeline of sorties as of Monday

Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual	Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual
41st ECS	1,328.1	1,349.8	1,433.0	162nd OSB	1,810.6	1,909.1	2,135.0
43rd ECS	1,888.0	1,834.1	2,039.4	354th FS	9,138.8	9,105.8	9,891.0
55th RQS	2,676.4	2,422.8	2,880.0	357th FS	7,846.0	7,822.5	9,064.0
79th RQS	1,570.0	1,467.7	1,730.0	358th FS	7,914.0	7,866.2	9,050.0

### Tops in Blue

Tops in Blue is coming to perform at the Tucson Convention Center Music Hall Sept. 11. Tops in Blue is an all-active duty U.S. Air Force special unit made up of talented amateur performers. For more information, contact the D-M Community Center at 228-3500.

## Designated agent

**Concern:** Because of my medical condition I am severely limited in my abilities to get around. Were there changes in the policy of who can be my designated agent?

**Response:** Thank you for your question. There has not been a change in policy, but security forces is enforcing the existing policies and regulations.

The Designated Agency program is regulated by Air Force Instruction 26-3026(I).

According to the regulation, there are two main instances when individuals are eligible for a designated agent pass.

A pass can be given when an individual is non-ambulatory and unable to use base facilities without assistance from another non-military member. If an individual requests a designated agent pass due to medical reason(s), he or she must present a letter from their doctor explaining the specific medical reason(s) and identifying the appropriate duration the individual will be incapacitated and or non-ambulatory.

Another reason people can receive a designated agent identification card is if a single parent sponsor is temporarily or permanently stationed away from his or her household, leaving behind a minor dependent(s) of 16 years or younger.

All other instances are on a case-by-case basis. The authority to make this decision has been delegated to Col. Cesar Rodriguez, 355th Mission Support Group commander.

It is the responsibility of the Pass and Regis-

tration office on Davis-Monthan to ensure that only authorized individuals obtain DA passes IAW applicable regulations.

## Parking designation

**Concern:** I've recently noticed that the reserved parking signs in parking lots around the base have changed. How does base leadership make the decision of who has a reserved parking spot at place such as the Base Exchange, the Commissary or the gym?

**Response:** Thank you for your question. Parking privileges on the base are established by three criteria. The first is mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

A certain percentage of parking slots are required to be marked and reserved for those who are handicapped.

The second group of reserved parking spaces fall under the category of real-world military mission requirements, hence the use of the term "active duty" on the new placards.

The key personnel who these spots are reserved for have extremely busy schedules and do not necessarily have several extra minutes to circle the parking lot before finding a space.

At Davis-Monthan, we have authorized a third category to recognize the selfless achievements and contributions of our Airmen and our many volunteers across the base.

Designating parking spaces is both an act of compliance and mission related action that is necessary for the people and mission of the D-M team.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jesse Shipp

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander (third from left), cuts the ribbon at the new 355th Component Maintenance Squadron T56 Engine Repair Shop Wednesday. The new facility cost \$685,000 and increases maintenance on engines of D-M aircraft.

## Agency numbers

AAFES Agencies.....	228-3904	Inspector General.....	228-3558
Accounting and Finance.....	228-4964	Legal.....	228-6432
Chaplain.....	228-5411	Lodging.....	228-4845
Civil Engineering.....	228-3401	Military and Civilian Equal	
Clinic.....	228-2930	Opportunity Office.....	228-5509
Commissary.....	228-3116	Military Personnel.....	228-5689
Family Support.....	228-5690	Public Affairs.....	228-3204
Fitness and Sports Center.....	228-0022	Security Forces.....	228-6178
Haefner Fitness Center.....	228-3714	Services.....	228-5596
Housing Office.....	228-3687	Transportation.....	228-3584

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: [355thWingCommandersCorner@dm.af.mil](mailto:355thWingCommandersCorner@dm.af.mil). Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

## Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The 354th Fighter Squadron maintains combat-ready posture for worldwide deployment of A-10 aircraft to conduct close-air support, air interdiction and combat search and rescue. The 354th Bulldogs maintain combat-ready forward air controllers for coordinating and controlling close air support, trains for joint air-attack team employment and supports U.S. Army ground maneuver units with air liaison officers.

The squadron is preparing for their Aerospace Expeditionary Force 7/8 in support of the Global War on Terror.

Capt. Roger Maldonado, 354th Fighter Squadron, inspects an A-10 Thunderbolt II prior to his flight. The Bulldogs have a rich tradition of providing superior airpower to the United States and coalition forces since the squadron's initial activation in 1942.



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Photo by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

## First day of school

Davis-Monthan's Elite Honor Guard raises the flag for the first day of school at Southside Community School Monday. In addition to raising the flag, the 25th Operational Weather Squadron collected school items including: pens, pencils, construction paper, lined paper, dry erase markers, two-pocket folders, notebooks, crayons, colored pencils, markers, school glue, glue sticks, scissors, tissues, and paper towels.

## Tour

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In addition, representatives from Davis-Monthan include the Base Exchange, Commissary, Chapel, Hearts Apart and a special needs assignment coordinator from Family Advocacy.

"It's basically awareness," said Debbie Carter, ESA president. "(The people who attend will) learn about on and off base activities available to them."

The event will also offer information on deployment to spouses who are staying behind.

"All too often, (when) the deploying members go through the mobility lines, they either don't take the information home, don't sign up for the programs or plop a pile of papers on the table that never get seen in the stress of pre-deployment," Mrs. Phillips said. "I wanted something where they could pick and choose the information they need to make it through."

"This will be a casual atmosphere with refreshments," Mrs. Phillips added. "(Attendees) are free to mingle and walk through to see what the entire base has to offer them through the deployment."

Mrs. Phillips, whose husband has deployed for a total of six months, stressed the importance of maintaining a regular routine and having a local support system in place during a deployment.

"Sometimes the pressure gets to be too much," Mrs. Phillips said. "The support that this base gives is invaluable. It makes a deployment easier when you're able to access the information available."

Mrs. Carter said her group is also here to provide support to military spouses facing deployment.

"This is another backup," Mrs. Carter said. "If you're having a bad day, we're here to help. We're there as a support team for anyone who's willing to join us."

In addition to providing information about Davis-Monthan and Tucson to incoming families, Mrs. Phillips hopes Thursday's event will hopefully dispel any stereotypes people may have about OSC and, ultimately, attract new members. Currently, the OSC has about 100 members.

"In the old days it used to be very white-gloved," Mrs. Phillips said. "(Now) we're just a bunch of women who like to get together and have a good time. The one thing we have in common is that we're all military spouses, and that's the bottom line."

"We do have a lot of fun when we get together," Mrs. Carter said.

The Tour of Tucson takes place at 6:30 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club. The free event is open to all military spouses. Reservations are not required. For more information, call 514-0532 or e-mail [dphillips@0532@msn.com](mailto:dphillips@0532@msn.com).

## News Notes

### SNCO Enhancement Seminar

A Senior NCO Enhancement Seminar will be held Wednesday through Friday at the Enlisted Club for newly promoted master sergeants assigned to D-M. A dinner will follow the seminar Aug. 26 at the Mountain View Conference Center. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Crystle Flowers at 250-0898 or Senior Master Sgt. Michael Perry at 228-6926.

### Claims for or against

Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of Airman 1st Class Benjamin Tamai, deceased, assigned to the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, should contact the Summary Court Officer, 1st Lt. Orlando Valles, 355th AMXS at 228-4453.

### Housing office closure

The housing office will be closed Sept. 2 for Air Combat Command's family day and Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day. The housing office will open Sept. 6 at 7:30 a.m. For emergencies, call housing maintenance at 228-8600.

### Heart Link

The Family Support Center is hosting the Heart Link program Thursday at the Desert Dove Chapel Annex from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Speakers from the Integrated Delivery System will educate husbands and wives on what support programs are available at D-M. Childcare will be provided, if needed. To sign up or for more information, contact Tanya Hawks at 228-5690.

### Hispanic Heritage month

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. The purpose of the month is to celebrate and encourage Hispanic awareness through the heritage of the past and the promise of the future. For more information on the events to celebrate Hispanic Heritage, contact 1st Lt. Lucien Fuertes at 228-5114.

### D-M Dining-In Sept. 23

The Davis-Monthan community is invited to celebrate the Air Force's 58th birthday Sept. 23. Airmen interested in going to the Dining-In need to sign up by Sept. 14. The social hour will begin at 6 p.m. Mess dress is required for attendance. For more information on prices of tickets or to sign up, contact the individual's first sergeant.

# 404

Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31. Individuals interested in volunteering should contact Airman 1st Class Logan English, AADD scheduler, at 228-6674.

Call AADD at  
**850-2233**

Friday and Saturday from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. For more information regarding AADD, see the Web site <https://aadd> on the D-M intranet.

### Terrorism history

August 18, 1991, Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev, who was vacationing in the Crimea, was held incommunicado while senior Soviet officials attempted to stage a coup.

# Base Realignment and Closure focus on right-sizing total force

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle  
Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — The co-chairman of the Air Force's base closure executive group recently discussed the views the Air Force took when considering the Base Realignment and Closure recommendations.

"We have to base our future Air Force on a smaller but more capable force, and organize that force in the most effective way," said Maj. Gen. Gary W. Heckman, assistant deputy chief of Air Force Plans and Programs. "If all the BRAC recommendations are approved, the big thing we accomplish is we get the right force structure, the right sizes for effectiveness, at the best combination of bases."

Three aspects of transformation influence BRAC as well as other endeavors such as the Quadrennial Defense Review.

"There are technological changes, organizational changes and changes in concepts of operations," he said. Considering these changes "we find that when we reset the force to optimum sizes, it not only creates efficiencies, but it also makes our improved technologies and (concept of operations) more effective."

"Previous BRACs have tended to focus on active infrastructure," he said. "Over the first four rounds of BRAC, we closed 25 active-duty bases, three Reserve bases and one Guard installation."

How does the Air Force reset the force? For fighter aircraft, General Heckman said 24 aircraft has been found to be the optimum number in a squadron.

"We know historically, and from senior military judgment, that's a really optimum fighting size," General Heckman said. "We've had that reinforced by some Air Force studies and analyses over the last few years, and have a 1996 (General Accounting Office) report that comes to the same conclusion."

Through force reductions the Air Force has made the effort to maintain the balance of the force and optimize the resources in the flying community.

"Over the last 15 years the force structure in the Air Force has gone down quite a bit — a third or more," he said. "As we have done that within the active force, we have taken the number of effectively sized squadrons and we've reduced the number. At the request of the Guard, what we have been doing in the Guard force is keeping the number of squadrons; slicing them down to the point that the average fighter squadron now in the Guard is 15."

Squadron size in the Guard became a focal point in commission review of the Air Force BRAC recommendations.

"As we go from today, with a reduced force structure, into a future where we expect the fighter force structure to go down another 20 percent, we just can't afford that kind of inefficiency," the general said. "So what we need to do within the BRAC is to right-size these forces and then put them at the right combination of bases."

The original thought was to close Guard bases that would lose their flying missions; however, the importance of the expeditionary combat support people at these installations changed their thinking, he said.

"These enclaves often deploy independently of the flying unit that happens to be (at that installation)," he said. "They're part of the starting rotation for our expeditionary force, and, importantly, these forces have important state uses for the governors as well."

"So we were convinced in our deliberations that it made more military value sense to leave those expeditionary combat forces in the states where they were, and we'd just shrink the footprint of the installation," the general said. "So we keep the expeditionary support, we right-size the units, and we're also able to turn back the excess infrastructure for local use."

The BRAC commissioners are currently reviewing recommendations provided by the Air Force. After an initial cost, the Air Force expects to save about \$14 billion over the next 20 years.

If the current BRAC recommendations are approved, the initial investment to move and train all the people and build new infrastructure amounts to \$1.8 billion over six years, General Heckman said.

Two components calculate the return on investment — actual cost savings and manpower savings.

"For BRAC purposes, according to the Department of Defense, these are considered BRAC savings," he said. "It means the dollars you save can be used for other dollar requirements. The manpower savings can be used for either other manpower requirements, which is our intent in the Guard and Reserve, or down the road for cashing in."

## Pods

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"A target can be anything," Captain Maldonado said. "It can be a car, a tank, a building, it can be people on the ground and this gives us the ability to have stand-off from whatever the target is and whatever the threat might be that is trying to shoot us. (We can then) identify what the target is, see what it is on the ground and where it is in relation to things."

In addition to the sensors, the pod is equipped with a laser designator for precise delivery of laser-guided munitions and a laser rangefinder to provide information for aircraft avionics systems. The targeting pod includes an automatic target tracker to provide fully automatic stabilized target tracking at altitudes, airspeeds and slant ranges consistent with tactical weapon delivery maneuvers. These features simplify the functions of target detection and recognition, and permit attack of targets with precision-guided weapons on a single pass.

Another feature it has at night is



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson

A-10 Thunderbolt II pilots are currently training with LITENING pods in preparation for upcoming deployments. The pod, externally mounted to the aircraft, is equipped with a laser designator for precise delivery of laser-guided munitions and a laser rangefinder that provides information for various avionics systems.

an infrared marking laser that is only visible in night vision goggles, Captain Maldonado said. "It makes a big green spot on the ground that flashes so we can say to other guys that do not have a targeting pod, that's where the target is. And then they can either look there if they have a targeting pod on that same point or roll-in and shoot that spot on the ground if they can only see the spot and not the specific target."

To ensure Airmen are prepared to deploy, they receive the pods three months prior to leaving for deploy-

ments and begin training on the LITENING pods.

"We don't normally have them permanently assigned to us," Captain Maldonado said. "So right now we're in the middle of training all of our folks to become qualified on all the pods."

"To get qualified, pilots accomplish academics, fly one sim and fly four sorties with an additional fifth ride using Data Link," said Capt. Grant McCall, 354th Fighter Squadron. "During the four rides, the pilot demonstrates proficiency in day and night TGP operations while focusing on

switchology, tactics and the geometry of different attacks."

When out on the range, "what we do is identify a target based on a guy on the ground as Joint Terminal Air Controller. He says 'hey, we have a target here, these are the coordinates,'" Captain Maldonado said. "We plot it on our maps and put the coordinates into our GPS in our aircraft. Then we can slave that targeting pod onto the coordinates and see what's there and properly identify what that target is. What we do from there is drop the bomb and shoot the laser onto the target continuously. The bomb then guides to where that laser spot is on the ground and hits the target."

Through months of training at D-M, A-10 pilots will be able to hone in on new skills learned and find targets in deployed locations.

"Employing with the targeting pod will simplify what is the most difficult and dynamic part of being an Attack pilot: being able to positively identifying the target," Captain McCall said. "Having a targeting pod in the formation will be especially helpful in urban and mountainous CAS environments, both of which we could see downrange."

## Tucson celebrates 230 years today

Tucson celebrates its 230th birthday today. The celebration of the city and the people has a rich tradition of support of the military and culture of Southern Arizona.

While the roots of the Old Pueblo reach back further than the history of Davis-Monthan, the Air Force or even the United States as we know it today, the support to the military has been plentiful.



Courtesy photo

As members of the community, D-M residents are encouraged to reach outside the fence line and contribute to the city and people who are our neighbors.

The contributions the people of Tucson have made in support of the base throughout the years is honored in the roots of D-M.

The name Davis-Monthan was chosen in honor of two Tucson natives, Lieutenants Samuel H. Davis and Oscar Monthan who both died in separate military aircraft accidents in the World War I era.

Working with community leaders, the Army established the base and contributed to aviation history throughout the development of the base and the new technology of flying.

Today, D-M continues to participate with community leaders in supporting the base, the community and in making clear contributions to the nation's defense.

Through groups such as the Military Affairs Committee, the DM-50, the Tucson Chamber of Commerce and many others, the ties of base and city leadership are significant.

Whether the base's mission is missiles, U-2s, or supporting the Global War on Terrorism, the city of Tucson is a stable presence in our lives and our mission. Happy Birthday, Tucson!

*Members of D-M's Elite Honor Guard, along with residents of Tucson, prepare to march into the celebration at last year's birthday celebration.*



Courtesy photo

### Gen. Jumper to retire

**WASHINGTON** — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper will retire after 39 years of service at a Sept. 2 ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. His effective date of retirement will be Nov. 1.

Acting Secretary of the Air Force Pete Geren will preside over the ceremony, and Gen. T. Michael Moseley, currently serving as Air Force vice chief of staff, will be sworn in as the 18th Air Force chief of staff.

The ceremony will air live on the Pentagon Channel and through streaming video on-line at [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).



# CRIME & Punishment

## Davis-Monthan discharges, Articles 15, from Aug. 1 through 12

◆ An airman basic assigned to the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron was **discharged** with a general service characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions**; supported by an Article 15, a vacation action under Article 15, three letters of reprimand and five records of individual counseling.

◆ An airman assigned to the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron was **discharged** with a general service characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions**; supported by an Article 15, two letters of reprimand and one record of individual counseling.

◆ An airman assigned to the 355th Equipment

Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman basic and forfeitures of \$100 pay for failing to go to place of duty. This was a violation of Article 86 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

◆ A senior airman assigned to the 355th Security Forces Squadron received a suspended reduction to airman first class, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for failing to secure a weapon. This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class assigned to the 563rd Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman basic, restriction to the limits of D-M for 45 days, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for underage drinking and for being incapacitated for duty. These were violations of Articles 92 and 134 of the UCMJ.

*(Editor's note: Information courtesy of the 355th*

*Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office. The same offense can result in different punishment for each offender. The offender's commander considers several factors when determining punishment, including the offender's service record and impact on unit discipline, cohesion and morale.)*



## Area Defense Counsel tip of the week

Did you know ... a person given extra duty and restrictions as part of an Article 15 punishment must serve both punishments at the same time. If you have questions, contact the Area Defense Counsel at 228-5664.



Airmen and Soldiers join forces to move a C-17 Globemaster III that ran off the runway Aug. 6 at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. The runway was temporarily closed, but was fully active again in less than 30 hours.



## Airmen, Soldiers work to fix runway after C-17 crash

Story and photos by  
Capt. Mark D. Gibson

455th Air Expeditionary Wing  
Public Affairs

**BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan** — A C-17 Globemaster III rolled off the runway while landing here Aug. 6, damaging its nose and right main landing gears.

As a result, the runway was closed, but quick action and creative thinking by Air Force and Army engineers had the runway fully active again in less than 30 hours.

There were no injuries in the incident. The cause of the incident is under investigation.

When it came to rest, one of the C-17's wings extended over the active runway, so the aircraft had to be moved. However, air operations continued while the C-17 was moved off the active runway. The C-17 measures 174 feet long with a wingspan of 169 feet. It is operated by a crew of three and can carry up to 170,000 pounds of cargo.

Aircraft from here diverted to other airfields and were able to continue combat missions supporting ground forces. Coalition air forces also assisted in ensuring constant airpower was maintained over the battlefield during aircraft recovery operations. Nevertheless, moving the aircraft proved to be a complicated process, said Col. Donald Jones, 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Group



Master Sgt. Wade Rasmussen, deployed from 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, was the only one on base with experience lifting and moving heavies off the runway. Sergeant Rasmussen worked nearly 27 hours to ensure the C-17 was safely moved and the runway was cleared for fixed-wing combat operations.

commander, who directed the effort. "It took one big team to brainstorm and come up with the tools and methods we needed," he said.

The hardest part of the process, he said, was determining a way to lift the nose of the aircraft without further damaging it.

First the fuel and cargo needed to be removed. The team removed 105,000 pounds of fuel and unloaded 55,000 pounds of cargo, with the remaining gross weight of the aircraft estimated at 300,000 pounds. Because of the tilt of the aircraft, the cargo could not be removed by forklift through the cargo door. The cargo pallets had to be broken down into individual boxes; pieces and parts were removed through the crew door.

Next the team had to replace the C-17's unusable landing gear. Their solution was a flatbed trailer, crane and railroad ties.

The aircraft was lifted with the crane, inches at a time, and wood was placed under the nose to support it. The team backed the flatbed tractor trailer under the nose and removed the wood. Straps were tied to the trailer and passed through the pilot's windows and open doors to secure the aircraft onto the truck.

The team assembled metal airfield matting provided by Army engineers to roll the aircraft onto the runway. The Army engineers also provided two bulldozers and the flatbed to drag the aircraft back onto the runway to a parking ramp.

"Once again, we had great cooperation between the Air Force and Army here," said Army Col. Michael Flanagan, 18th Engineer Brigade and Task Force Sword commander. "We worked together as a team to get a job done in one night that many people thought would take four days. This is the best cooperative effort between the Air Force and Army that I have seen in my 26-year career." Colonel Jones, knowing the priority was getting the runway open, orchestrated the two bulldozers, the flatbed and a ring of people around the aircraft. They used hand signals and walkie-talkies as they inched the aircraft down the runway through three 90-degree turns to its parking spot. "We had to get this runway open and get A-10 (Thunderbolt IIs) in the air to provide close air support for Soldiers on the ground," Colonel Jones said.

"Everyone came together to make suggestions and form a workable plan to help get the C-17 off the active runway and resume normal flying operations in minimal time," said Brig. Gen. Bruce E. Burda, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing commander. "I am extremely proud of the way our Airmen, Soldiers and civilians came together, devised a solution to this unique challenge, and safely made it happen to quickly restore airfield operations."

The aircraft is assigned to Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.



## SGLI levels of coverage set to increase

**Levels of Coverage:** The servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) maximum coverage will increase to \$400,000 effective Sept. 1 and allows reduced elections in increments of \$50,000 or cancellation of coverage on or after the effective date (1 Sep 05). All members eligible for SGLI are affected by this increased coverage and will have \$400,000 in coverage until they make a valid election to reduce or decline coverage.

No election before Sept. 1 will apply with respect to the member's level of coverage. New SGLI elections continue to become effective the first day of the month after an otherwise valid election. Thus, all members will be fully insured for \$400,000 throughout the month of September 2005, regardless of any election filed that month.

**Premium Liability:** The monthly SGLI premium remains \$3.25 per \$50,000 of coverage. Therefore, \$26.00 will become the monthly premium for full coverage beginning in September 2005. Should a member desire less than the automatic maximum coverage, that member should complete a new SGLV 8286 (September 2005 version) indicating the amount of coverage desired (including no coverage if applicable) and submit that election as soon as possible. If such a member properly completes and submits the form before September 30, 2005, the member will

not be liable for the September 2005 premium associated with the reduced or declined portion of coverage. This gives members 30 days to reduce or decline unwanted coverage without charge.

**Married Members Designation of a Beneficiary other than their Spouse:** If a married member designates a primary beneficiary for their SGLI coverage other than their current lawful spouse, on or after Sept. 1, 2005, the member's spouse will be informed that the member has made such a designation.

The MPFs will ensure notification is made as quickly as possible (objectively within 30 days of the date such election is submitted by the member), but such notice shall not include the name(s) of the actual designated beneficiary (ies). Notices shall be sent by first class postal service to the spouse's current address of official record (DEERS). A copy of the notification letter will be attached to the SGLV Form 8286 and provided to the member.

The revised SGLV Form 8286 (September 2005) will be available beginning Sept. 1.

For further information, contact the MPF Customer Service Section in Building 3200 or 228-4425 or your Commander Support Staff.

### Housing announcement

All Airmen on station must report to the housing office. This is necessary to insure that military members and their dependents do not inadvertently choose housing that would put them in conflict with department of defense policy regarding fair housing laws.

The housing office can also provide Airmen with a housing referral brochure that includes: a renter's checklist, the Arizona Residential Landlord and Tenant Act and a renter's military clause. Every military tenant should insist that a "military clause" be included in the lease. The military clause provides the military tenant a way to end a lease prematurely for reasons connected with military service.

There is no standard military clause. Provisions should be for terminating the lease in the event of a permanent change of station or release from active duty. Additionally, those members who intend to eventually move into government quarters should insist that the military clause include provisions for terminating the lease upon assignment to government quarters.

Remember, a lease is a binding contract. The housing referral office can provide Airmen with a listing of apartment rental complexes that honor the renter's military clause to move into base housing. Contact the Housing Referral Office at 228-5548 if you have any questions regarding your lease.

# Character counts

## 355th Wing Pillars hold Airmen to highest caliber of integrity, excellence and service

By Col. Michael Isherwood  
355th Wing vice commander

**"At least I can say I served  
with men of character."**

— *Gen. Dwight D.  
Eisenhower*

General Eisenhower wrote those words to his son when rumors surfaced that he would be forced to retire during the early days of World War II. Serving with men and women of character for the good of our nation is perhaps the single greatest reason why we remain in uniform.

Simply said: character counts.

This is true of all on the Desert Lightning Team. I see it as I travel to the flight line, backshops and work centers.

I find young Airmen of character. They tell me how it is. Good and bad. I can sense their unease at passing along bad news. I suppose they fear they might get blamed or that they're making their leadership look bad. Their character allows them to shoot straight with me and pass along bad news.

But this wing leadership is not interested in blame. It's committed to fixing problems. If we don't know the problems, we can't get the resources, time or training to allow the mission to get done.

This same character must be present when we take off our uniform after our shift and on weekends. Our standards apply 365/24/7. We must demonstrate our integrity fresh each day.

How? There are many examples. You and I have seen one situation when we're out with friends at a restaurant, club or someone's house. We see someone have a couple of beers or alcoholic drinks. The "easy" thing is to not say any-

thing ... not to highlight them as not able to drive home. Or, we see a fellow Airmen, underage, with a beer in their hand. Our character, however, compels us to step up and shoot straight with them. In the first case, get their keys. In the second case, get them a soda.

That's how character counts when we're out of uniform. Character is not a light switch that we turn on when convenient or put on our BDUs and flightsuit.

Our character is called into play when you look at our four pillars.

We must have character as we develop and nurture our Airmen. Our Airmen are the foundation of our combat power. How we develop them is how we develop and sustain our warrior culture.

Character is what compels you to set aside your interests to help the "new guy" or young Airmen master his or her career development course or technical skills. You pause on your way home or to lunch to ask them how they're doing. Then, you act ... to help them learn what you know. That's character.

We must have character when we show installation stewardship. We translate "don't walk a problem by" to "pick up that empty plastic bottle" along the curb at the Base Exchange. You set the example. That's character.

We must have character as we prepare to deploy when ordered. It is how we take the fight to the enemy. You and I have a personal readiness folder. It has dozens of actions that must be done. They take time ... but they are important. When we do them, that's character.

Finally, we must have character when we fight when called. Airmen from the Desert Lightning Team have demonstrated character in spades for years.

The Bulldog attack pilot showed it when he

deliberately provided danger close air support to help Soldiers and Marines caught in a firefight. Rescue and Compass Call crews are showing it as you read this ... in the air and on alert in Iraq and Afghanistan. What they do is irreplaceable and critical to saving American lives and getting the mission done.

Security Forces showed character as they stood alert at the entry point to Balad and other bases. They stood alert for the next suicide bomber.

The EOD Airmen showed character when they disarmed over 260,000 pounds of explosives. Several hundred IEDs were among that count. They did almost 1,000 missions, most while under direct and in-direct fire.

Vehicle operators showed character as they drove more than 500 convoys in Iraq. They delivered a million tons of supplies. And, they were attacked over 100 times. One Airman told me how an RPG ricocheted 2 feet in front of him. Another told a story of how he recognized AK-47 firing passing through the cab of his vehicle.

These Airmen are steadfast in their duty. Their character gives them a sense of purpose and drive ... to get the mission done ... to not falter as part of the team ... not let their buds down around them.

Next month, I will deploy just like more than 1,000 Desert Lightning Airmen. We know that it is *not* if ... or when ... we will come under hostile fire. They question will be: how often. I will be surrounded by the finest our nation has — Airmen who never apologize for our conduct under fire. They understand that character is not a light switch they turn on only when the bullets start to fly.

Each day, I strive to reflect the privilege to serve along side you ... men and women of character.

## Final Answer

What is your favorite aspect of D-M?



**Master Sgt.  
Kevin Biggs**  
355th Wing

*"I like both of the gyms. I can work out any time I feel like it."*



**Tech. Sgt.  
James Washington**  
355th Wing

*"I enjoy the Officers' Club, more specifically the lunch buffet and the camaraderie between active-duty members and retirees."*



**Airman 1st Class  
Noelle Buessing**  
355th Medical Support Squadron

*"I like how they're continually improving the quality of life for personnel at D-M."*



**Airman 1st Class  
Kyle King**  
355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

*"I like the Home and Garden Center at the Base Exchange. Their garden tool selection is very good."*



**2nd Lt.  
Cameron Radon**  
48th Rescue Squadron

*"I like the professionalism of the personnel working at the front gate. It is first class."*



**Col.  
John Dyer**  
12th Air Force

*"I enjoy the new Base Exchange complex."*

### Building homes, lives:

*Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers from D-M*

Volunteers with Habitat for Humanity have built more than 175,000 homes, providing shelter for nearly 900,000 people worldwide. The Tucson chapter is starting to build eight houses Sept. 11 and need volunteers. Davis-Monthan has one house to completely build. Volunteers are sought for three shifts for the one day event. Shifts are from 6 to 9:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. No experience is needed and volunteers will be performing general construction duties. E-mail [steven.melton@dm.af.mil](mailto:steven.melton@dm.af.mil) to volunteer.



## Sonoran Spotlight

*(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the **Desert Airman** that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)*



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

*This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Staff Sgt. Sarah Byron-Smith of the 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. Sergeant Byron-Smith is a public health craftsman. According to the 355th AMDS superintendent, Master Sgt. Terry Hennings, she was nominated for the spotlight*

*because "she leads by example and has a positive influence on other Airmen in the unit."*

*The following are Sergeant Byron-Smith's responses to a variety of questions.*

**Career goals:** I hope to be picked up in October for a commission in the Medical Service Corps.

**Hobbies, outside activities:** Now that I am done with school I can indulge in my love of scrap booking and card making.

**What is the best aspect of your job?** I love the opportunities of meeting wonderful new people all the time and helping them.

**What is the best advice you've received in the Air Force?** To keep a positive attitude.

**What is your most memorable moment in the Air Force?** When I received the 1998 Air Mobility Command Public Health Airman of the Year and was able to meet a handful of my Public Health counterparts from all over the world.

**Name someone who inspires you (or who you admire):** I was greatly inspired by and admire Chief Master Sgt. (retired) Keith Cobb. His overwhelming positive attitude is infectious and inspirational.

## Base Boy Scout receives highest rank



Courtesy photo

*Joseph Acciani, son of Toni Larson and Tech. Sgt. Anthony Acciani, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron, received his Eagle Scout rank in full tradition from his mom. The Eagle Scout is the highest rank in the Boy Scouts and is attained by only two percent of Boy Scouts. This is the first Eagle Scout for Troop 784 in the past 10 years.*

## Congratulations CDC 90's Club

Most career fields in the Air Force have Career Development Courses, which have an end-of-course exam requirement to earn higher skill levels.

While Airmen must score a 65 percent or above, these Airmen received a score of 90 or above on their exams.

"CDCs are important because they lay the foundation for an Airman's Air Force Specialty Code," said Staff Sgt. Tabatha Davies, unit training manager with the 355th Mission Support Squadron.

Congratulations to the following Airmen:

**25th Operational Weather Squadron:**  
Airman 1st Class  
Rachel Alkire and

Airman 1st Class  
Ryand Kardell

**79th Rescue Squadron:**

Staff Sgt. Michael Buck

**355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:**

Airman 1st Class Rameo Ruiz,  
Senior Airman Jerrod Suber  
and Staff Sgt. Shawn Wise

**355th Component**

**Maintenance Squadron:**

Senior Airman John Comeens

**55th Rescue Squadron:**

Airman Heather Redd

**563rd Maintenance**

**Squadron:**

Senior Airman Daniel Roth,

Airman 1st Class Kevin  
Schaffer and Airman 1st Class  
Daniel Graham

**612th Air Communications Squadron:**

Staff Sgt. Jason Benavides

**755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:**

Staff Sgt. Patric Sullivan

## D-M Airmen get promoted

Congratulations to the following Airmen who were chosen for promotion to technical sergeant and master sergeant. These promotions were part of a supplemental board announced Monday.

### Technical Sergeant

**Joanna Clute**, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; **Henry Cobb**, 355th Maintenance Group; **Jonathan Cook**, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Jason Gall**, 355th Wing; **Belinda Gaston**, 355th MXG; **Erik Keefner**, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; **Derek Kelly**, 355th Services Squadron; **Christopher Logan**, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Matthew Lohr**, 355th Communications Squadron; **Ricard Phillips Jr.**, 355th Comptrollers Squadron; **Juan Sanchez Jr.**, 355th LRS;



**Jonathon Serna**, 563rd Maintenance Squadron; **Hans Trower**, 355th LRS; **Williams Velsor**, 355th LRS and **Lori Witt**, 355th EMS.

### Master Sergeant

**Darrel Collins**, 355th SVS; **James Fashing**, 25th Operational Weather Squadron; **John Gardner**, 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Michael Gunn**, 355th CES; **Jason House**, 55th Rescue Squadron; **Darien Jenkins**, 355th AMXS; **Kevin Long**, 563rd MXS; **Richard Majarian**, 355th EMS; **Andres Maldonado**, 355th LRS; **Stephen McKinzie**, 355th LRS; **Brian Poling**, 355th CES; **Marcus Ricardi**, 355th CS; **Kevin Robinson**, 355th LRS; **Anthony Roy**, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron; **James Washington**, 355th WG; **Eric Wood**, 355th EMS and **Leon Wright Jr.**, 355th SVS.







# Pigging out at Underage Drinking Task Force luau



Photos by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

**(Above)** Chief Master Sgt. Robert Franklin, 355th Operations Group, unsuccessfully attempts to take the apple from the roasted pig during a luau held Saturday at the Davis-Monthan pool.

**(Left)** Airman 1st Class Andrew Sayre, 354th Fighter Squadron, mans the grill. The event was sponsored by the 354th FS and the UDTF for the entire base, specifically for underage Airmen living in the dorms. The evening included a performance from the Asian Pacific dancers, a deejay throughout the evening and hoola hoop and belly flop contests.

**(Bottom right)** Airman 1st Class Jeff Walker and Airman 1st Class Jeff Englebert, 354th FS, carve the roasted pig.

**(Bottom left)** Lt. Col. Martha McCally and Senior Airman Melanie Levitz, 354th FS, roast the pig. The D-M Commissary and vendors contributed to the event.



# Air Force pioneers of the '50s

By Capt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command  
Public Affairs

## Across

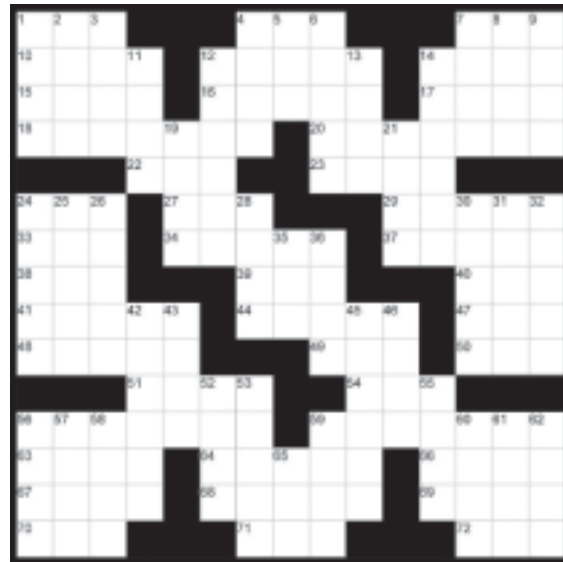
1. Prosciutto source
4. Female fried
7. Hawaiian acacia with flowers
10. Ellipse
12. Benefactor
14. In falconry, short strap placed around leg of hawk
15. Aerobics
16. To put on (clothing)
17. Hurts
18. USAF pioneer Gen. Nathan \_\_\_\_; 1<sup>st</sup> AF CJCS
20. Type of psych test
22. Obtained
23. The soybean
24. Army police officers, in short
27. Blob
29. Describing a roughly bounded part of the space on a surface
33. Dine
34. Excuse
37. Drum

38. Accountant, in short
39. \_\_\_\_ an engine
40. Make an offer
41. Bay of Naples isle
44. Foe
47. First lady
48. Social outcast
49. Identify maiden name
50. Lair
51. Collegiate athletics governing body
54. Mil. pay during PCS
56. USAF pioneer Gen. \_\_\_\_ Schriever
59. USAF pioneer Harold \_\_\_\_; 3rd SECAF
63. Ontario neighbor
64. Chaplin movie \_\_\_\_ *Strange Predicament* (1914)
66. Actress Falco of *The Sopranos*
67. Canter
68. Bridges
69. Dial or touch
70. Concord plane, in short
71. Explosive combo
72. Dashed

## Down

1. AF pioneer Gen. \_\_\_\_

- Vandenberg; 2nd CSAF
2. Declare
3. Warlock
4. *The \_\_\_\_ Show*
5. Conjunction
6. USAF hero Maj. \_\_\_\_ Sebille
7. USAF pioneer Capt. Lillian Kinkel \_\_\_\_
8. Scandinavian capital
9. Helper, in short
11. Singer k.d.
12. Type of records
13. Nevada town
14. USAF hero Lt. Col. James \_\_\_\_; first jet ace
19. Midwestern state
21. Burmese currency
24. Islamic holy site
25. Dads
26. USAF Pioneer Col. John \_\_\_\_; G-forces scientist
28. Ominous
30. Dwindled
31. Existing
32. Weighed down with load
35. \_\_\_\_ Nevis; highest mountain of Great Britain
36. USAF pioneer Capt. \_\_\_\_ Kincheloe



(The solutions for this puzzle are located on Page 26.)

42. Milk curdling
43. Ancient Peruvian empire
45. Achievement, Commendation, Good Conduct, etc.
46. Scream
52. Coat-of-\_\_\_\_
53. Fit in
55. Assist
56. Wagers
57. Mistakes
58. Mob rule
59. Camping need
60. Smell
61. Singer Turner
62. Youth
65. Prohibit









Mike Goodman, who placed second in the distance category, starts the running portion of the Biathlon Series race Saturday.



Photos by Airman First Class Christina D. Ponte

**Top:** Don Winant swims during the Biathlon Series Saturday at the D-M Fitness and Sport Center's indoor pool. About 27 men and women participated in the event.

## Top times

### Distance Race

(1200-meter swim; 4.5-mile run)

1. Brian Grasky, 0:47:35
2. Mike Goodman, 1:02:11
3. Glenn Jacobson, 1:02:25

### Sprint Race

(500-meter swim; 1.5-mile run)

1. Evan Parr, 0:20:15
2. Steve Nisbet, 0:21:00
3. Allen Bauer, 0:21:15

Capt. Brian Grasky, 162nd Fighter Wing, competes in the swimming portion of the Biathlon Series Saturday at D-M. Captain Grasky took first place in the distance race with an overall time of 47 minutes and 35 seconds.



## Sports Shorts

### Outdoor pool hours

The Outdoor Recreational Pool has new hours of operation through Sept. 30. Recreational swim and open swim hours are Tuesday through Friday from noon to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lap swim hours are Tuesday through Friday, from 8 to 11 a.m. Daily fees are \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children over the age of 2 years and \$3 for Davis-Monthan guests. There is no fee for children under 2 years or for lap swim. For more information, call 228-3759.

### Yoga, spinning classes

The Haeffner Fitness Center is offering yoga classes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. Yoga classes emphasize the harmony of both the body and mind. The center also offers spin classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 12:45 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. Spinning is a high-energy, indoor stationary cycling program where the instructor takes partici-

pants on a "virtual" outdoor road race complete with hills, valleys, and finish lines. Classes cost \$2. For more information or to sign up, visit the Haeffner Fitness Center or call 228-3714.

### Kids' Bowling League

Come and join in on the fun at the D-M Lanes. Registration for the September Kids' Saturday Morning League will be every Saturday in August from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Receive a free game and shoe rental when you sign up. The league runs from September to April. There will be an awards banquet at the end of the season. For more information, call 228-3461.

### Bowling leagues forming

Winter Leagues are now forming at the D-M bowling center. Bowling Leagues and start dates are:

- ◆ Mondays: OWC Ladies Trios League starts Sept. 12 at 9:30 a.m. and Intramural League starts Sept. 12 at 5 p.m.
- ◆ Tuesdays: Early Risers Ladies League starts Sept. 6 at 9:30 a.m. and Intramural League starts Sept. 6 at 5 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesdays: Scratch Trios

League starts Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

◆ Thursdays: CE Trios starts Sept. 8 at 4 p.m. and Mixed League starts Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

◆ Saturday: Youth League (YABA) starts Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m.

◆ Sundays: Closed.

For more information, call 228-3461.

### Win Cardinals game tickets

Club members can win free tickets to see the Denver Broncos take on the Arizona Cardinals. From now until August 31, club members who eat lunch or brunch at The Mirage Officers' Club or order food from Cabanas, can enter their receipts for a chance to win game tickets. For more information, stop by the club or call the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club at 228-3100 or The Mirage at 228-3301.

### 2005 Football Frenzy

The first Football Frenzy game of 2005 kicks off at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club Sept. 8. Football fans can enjoy Monday Night Football games along with prizes, games, discounted food and beverages and more. Some lucky D-M fans may win one of three grand prize trips

for two. D-M Football Frenzy at the Desert Oasis is open to club members of any rank. To get in on this year's Football Frenzy fun and prizes, stop by the Desert Oasis or The Mirage. For more information, call 228-3100 or visit [www.dm-servicesonline.com](http://www.dm-servicesonline.com).

### Golf league seeks players

The Lady Niners is a nine hole golf league that meets to play golf every Wednesday morning. All skill levels are welcome. Those interested in joining the league should attend the Lady Niners registration social Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Eagles Nest restaurant at Blanchard Golf Course. For more information, call Mary Pat Sullivan at 749-4812 or Maralee Wetzal at 790-8377.

### Air Force Marathon

The ninth annual Air Force Marathon will be held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio Sept. 17. The race is open to the public and the registration deadline is Sept. 2. For more information, visit the Air Force Marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil> or call (937) 257-4350 or (800) 467-1823.





## Chapel Information

*Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.*

### Catholic Mass schedule

**Saturday:** First Saturday Mass is the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass will be followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.

Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

**Sunday:** Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

**Daily:** Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m. at Desert Dove.

### Protestant Services schedule

**Sunday:** Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

### Catholic Education Classes Sign-ups

Registration for weekly Catholic Religious Education classes is being held after all weekend Masses until Sept. 30. Classes begin Sept. 11. For more information, contact Nancy Rambaran at 228-4299.

## Education Services

### Park University Classes

Students can still register for fall classes at Park University. Classes are available in a classroom setting beginning Monday; online classes begin Aug. 22. For more information, visit [www.park.edu/davi](http://www.park.edu/davi) or stop by Building 3200, Suite 240. E-mail [davi@park.edu](mailto:davi@park.edu) or call 748-8266.

### Air Force Academy Liaison

Lt. Col. Kevin A. Cannon is the new Air Force Academy Liaison Officer assigned to Tucson. He can answer specific questions about the Prep School or direct entry into the Air Force Academy for prospective students. For more information, call (520) 760-2834 or e-mail [kevcann8@aol.com](mailto:kevcann8@aol.com).

### On-line Tuition Assistance

Military members are advised that the on-line tuition assistance database does not allow an individual to print their TA voucher if more than 14 days have expired since application. Additionally, the database will not allow for the application of a late TA. Students need to keep their records updated in the Air Force Virtual Education Center and ensure a correct degree program is listed in their database records. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812.

### Fiscal 2006 Tuition Assistance

Tuition assistance for fiscal 2006 may be funded in late October or later. Air Combat Command headquarters will provide Base Training and Education Services with a release date when funding is approved. The TA for fiscal

2006 will not be approved by BTES until the release date is received. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812.

### Commissioning Briefing

The next Commissioning Briefing takes place Thursday at 2 p.m. The briefing will cover ROTC and Medical Programs. For more information, call Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

### University of Phoenix Advisor

A University of Phoenix representative will be available Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 243. Appointments and walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call Melissa Hastings at 239-5202 or Ray Bishop at 239-5242.

## Family Support Center

### VA Claims Assistance Brief

A Veterans Affairs representative provides group appointments concerning veterans and disability benefits. This briefing takes place on Monday at 1 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 243.

### Pre-separation Counseling

This class will take place at the Family Support Center on Tuesday and Aug. 30 from 9 to 10 a.m. This class is mandatory for military members and will acquaint departing members with services and agencies available to help them transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 20 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating, retiring or in special circumstances, as soon as possible. To sign up, call 228-5690.

### Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan and the Tucson area. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientation is Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Officer's Club/Conference Center. Medical Right Start is from 12:40 to 4 p.m. Free childcare is available through the Permanent Change of Station Childcare Program. Childcare must be arranged ahead of

time. For more information, call 228-5690.

### Hearts Apart Welcome Home Banners

Come join the fun on Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Hope Chapel by making a banner to welcome home a spouse from deployment. All supplies are furnished. To register, RSVP no later than Monday by calling 228-5690. There will be free pizza and refreshments.

## Happenings

### Burgers at Bama for E-5s, E-6s

All staff and technical sergeants assigned to Davis-Monthan are invited to enjoy free burgers, hot dogs and drinks today at 3 p.m. at Bama Park. This event is intended to thank those ranks for their work on base. Those interested in attending should contact their first sergeant to get a head count.

### Tour of Tucson

The Davis-Monthan Officers' Spouses Club and Enlisted Spouses' Association will host a "Tour of Tucson" with information on deployment support, base activities and the local area on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club. The event is open to all spouses and no reservations are required. For more information, call Deanna Phillips at 514-0532.

### POW/MIA Bracelets

Anyone interested in purchasing a POW/MIA bracelet can visit Building 2300, Room 2047 to see samples. Styles include red, black or clear aluminum; stainless steel; copper; brass or German silver. Bracelet sizes are small, medium, large and extra large. Bracelets will arrive two to four weeks after order has been placed. For more information or to place an order by Aug. 29, call Tech. Sgt. Regina Harris at 228-5159 or email [Regina.Harris@dm.af.mil](mailto:Regina.Harris@dm.af.mil).

### IDEA Submissions

Those who submit a proposal to the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness Program will receive a free gym bag and water bottle. This is part of the IDEA program's Fit to Fight promotion during August. For more information, call 228-IDEA.

## Military Against Domestic Violence seeks volunteers

The Davis-Monthan Military Against Domestic Violence program is beginning its third year of helping to promote a safer community through nonviolence education and awareness in Tucson middle schools. This year, Airmen will be educating eighth graders about dating, personal relationships and domestic violence.

The MADV is looking for male and female Airmen to volunteer to visit schools and speak to groups of girls and boys about these issues. Any Airman interested in joining MADV can attend a training session on Thursday from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Desert Lightning Community Center. This will be the last Domestic

Violence 101 training before the fall program starts. Volunteers who have not attended a previous class must attend. For more information, call Master Sgt. Shelonie Johnson, MADV president, at 228-1147 or Marley Smith at 228-2104.

### In order to join MADV, volunteers:

- ◆ Must be a uniformed Airman.
- ◆ Must have a recommendation from a commander or first sergeant.
- ◆ Must attend scheduled training.
- ◆ Must be able to make presentations during regular business hours.

*(Information courtesy of 355th Medical Operations Squadron.)*

## Services Activities

Information for the Services Activities section courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For questions regarding this information, contact Mr. Sweeney at 228-7352.

### Outdoor equipment rentals

Outdoor Recreation Equipment Rental has hundreds of items for rent including pop-up campers; camping, boating, and fishing equipment; sports equipment; games; power tools; lawn and garden equipment and rug cleaners. Chairs, tables, canopies and barbecue grills are also available for rent. All items can be checked out for daily, weekend or weekly use. Visit ORER in Building 4430 or check out equipment prices and other information at [www.dmservicesonline.com](http://www.dmservicesonline.com). For more information, call 228-3736.

### TOPS IN BLUE to perform

TOPS IN BLUE, the entertainment showcase of the United States Air Force, will perform on Sunday, Sept. 11 at the Tucson Convention Center's Music Hall, 260 S. Church St. The show is free and open to all. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. for military ID card holders and 6 p.m. for general public admission. The show starts at 6:30 p.m. Two buses will depart from the Desert Lightning Community center at 5:20 p.m. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact the D-M Community Center at 228-3500. For information on the TOPS IN BLUE program, visit their official Web site at [www.airforcetopsinblue.com](http://www.airforcetopsinblue.com).

### Auto Skills extends weekend hours

The Auto Skills Center will be open from 8:30 a.m. to midnight tonight, and from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday. This will provide shift personnel and personnel with large jobs that cannot be completed in a couple of hours the opportunity to work on their vehicles for an extended period of time. Auto Skills will provide pizza at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. tonight. For more information call 228-3614.

### Mug Night at the Desert Oasis

The Davis-Monthan community is invited to participate in Mug Night every Thursday at the Desert Oasis Club. Bring in a mug and receive a domestic draft or soda (up to 32 ounces) for \$1.50. There will be other drink specials and music throughout the night. Judging for the best mug contest begins at 5:30 p.m. Patrons who bring in a favorite mug have a chance to win the contest. Patrons without mugs can order a personalized engraved 32-ounce glass mug for \$25. Prize mugs will be personalized at the Arts and Crafts center. For more information, call 228-3100.

### Happy birthday certificate

Primary cardholders are invited to stop by the club anytime during their birthday month to receive a free Happy Birthday certificate worth \$15 towards the purchase of their next meal at Cabanas or The Mirage Officers' Club. The certificate cannot be used to purchase alcoholic beverages or tobacco. Change will not be re-



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### No screaming, just eating

(From left to right) Asher Guinzy, son of Elaine Guinzy, Desert Lightning Community Center Recreation Specialist, and Charlie and Allison Freer, son and daughter of Janet and Tech. Sgt. Richard Freer of Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., eat ice cream sundaes at the community center Aug. 7 in celebration of National Kids' Day.

turned. For more information call 228-3301 or 228-3100.

### CDC openings

The Davis-Monthan Child Development Centers have openings for pre-toddlers ages 1 to 2 years, toddlers ages 2 to 3 years and preschoolers ages 3 to 5 years. For more information, call 228-6463 or 228-6465.

### Prime Rib Night

The Davis-Monthan community is invited to enjoy an all ranks Prime Rib Night at the Mirage Officers' Club Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Patrons can choose from two cuts of prime rib; the 10-ounce queen cut for \$12.95 or the 12-ounce king cut for \$14.95. They will also be serving chicken milano for \$12.95 and breaded gulf shrimp for \$12.95. All club members receive their Air Force Clubs' Members First discount plus the use of a Services Buck. All meals include garden salad, dinner rolls, choice of starch and fresh mixed vegetables. Each meal is served with one glass of complimentary wine or a nonalcoholic alternative. Kids' meals will also be available. Reservations are recommended for parties of eight or more. For more information, or to make a reservation, call 228-3301.

### Scrapbooking class offered

The Arts and Crafts Center is offering a scrapbooking class taught by Miss Vicki on Saturday. This month students will learn heat and dry embossing. The class costs \$10 for new students. Returning students receive a \$2 discount (supplies included). For more information, call 228-4385.

### Framing classes offered

Members of the Davis-Monthan community are invited to learn how to cut and join frames,

size and cut mattes and glass and assemble the finished piece on Thursday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Arts and Crafts Center. The cost for the class is \$20, including all supplies. For more information, call 228-4385.

### ACC Dollar Days Dinner

All club members and their families are invited to an Air Combat Command Dollar Days Lunch at The Mirage Officers' Club Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Get a buffet lunch for one dollar. For more information, call 228-3301.

### Children's summer program

The Arts and Crafts Center offers daily craft classes Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The classes are open to children ages 5 to 13 years. Crafts include planters, wreaths, sand castles and picture frames. Schedules are available at the Arts and Crafts Center. Reservations are recommended. Each class costs \$4.50, which includes all supplies. For more information, call 228-4385.

### Flea Market

The Desert Lightning Community Center is hosting a flea market in the Youth Center's parking lot next to Building 6000 on Aug. 27 from 6:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 per table or \$8 for two tables. Please register and prepay for tables at the Community Center by Thursday. For more information, visit the Community Center or call 228-3717.

### Golf Course Over Seeding

Due to the annual over seeding, the Blanchard Golf Course will be closed Oct. 11-22. The Eagles Nest restaurant will remain open for breakfast and lunch. The grill opens at 5:30 a.m. and closes at 3 p.m. For more information, call 228-3734.











